

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3982/09

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to the Commission

Subject: 100% Community funding of 2007-2013 NSRF

During her visit to Greece in February 2009, the Commissioner responsible for regional policy, Mrs Danuta Hübner, stated, *inter alia*, that, as regards co-financing of the National Strategic Reference Framework (NSRF) for Greece, the Commission was prepared, owing to the economic crisis, to agree to an increase of up to 100% in Community funding for some projects, with an equivalent reduction in the national contribution. She stressed, however, that Greece would have to provide its own contribution in subsequent years up to 2013. Mrs Hübner pointed out that she had not received any official request from Greece in this connection but gave an assurance that, if she did, the Commission would respond positively.

Has Greece submitted such a request to the Commission and on what conditions would the Commission consent, through the Structural Funds, to total or near total funding of NSRF projects?

What was the outcome of the recent visit to Greece by Commission representatives in June 2009 to examine the progress made in implementing the NSRF? What analytical data did the Greek authorities produce and what recommendations did the Commission make to speed up implementation of the operational programmes?